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Application Number	09/660,078
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First Named Inventor	John K. Smith
Art Unit	3743
Examiner Name	Kathryn P. Odland
Attorney Docket Number	760-101

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- b. ☐ Other _____

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 08/31/2004 MBIZUNES 00000054 09660078
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

This amendment is filed as the submission accompanying a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. A petition for a one-month extension of time also accompanies this request.

Considering that the Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 was filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, the due date for filing the Request for Continued Examination with a one-month extension of time is August 26, 2004, one month from the mailing date of the Advisory Action dated July 26, 2004.

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A check for the fee of \$880.00 is enclosed, which represents the petition fee for a one-month extension of time (\$110.00) and the fee for filing the Request for Continued Examination (\$770.00).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.